

Remember Dad



Father's Day

June 21, 2009

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In your garden

June is a great time to plant!

Plants and trees that provide color this month include azaleas, hydrangeas, rhododendrons, spireas, butterfly bushes, mock orange and goldenrain tree.

This is also the time to plant annuals, perennials and all trees and shrubs. Annuals to choose from include geraniums, impatiens, marigolds, petunias, vinca and many others. Perennials that provide interest include Daylilies, astilbe, rudbeckia, yarrow, foxglove and many more.

Make certain to fertilize annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs and trees. Use a plant food that contains slow-release nitrogen, sulfate of potash, iron and other micro-nutrients for overall plant growth and development.

Feed all of your evergreens (hollies, boxwoods and yews) and deciduous trees (maples, oaks and ash) with a food that also contains slow-release nitrogen, sulfate of potash, iron and other micro-nutrients for overall plant growth and development.

This month check all of your plants, especially new plantings for water, regularly. Water them deeply and thoroughly as necessary.

Gator bags provide an easy and great way to keep trees watered during hot and dry months. These bags, can usually hold up to 20 gallons of water, are secured to the trunk of the tree and have a slow drip release process that waters the root ball over a period of 24 hours.

If you've wanted a water garden, now is the time to install. The soothing sights and sounds of water can be enjoyed for many months. Water gardens can be placed in a variety of containers or extensively designed to be incorporated in your landscape. Visit your local nursery for further information.

June is also the month to add beautiful color in containers. Combinations of annuals; perennials and shrubs can work well together to give you that added punch of color, where needed. Use window boxes; hanging plants and planters in every shape and color.

Fruits and Vegetables

Plant apple, pear, peach and all other fruit trees in June. Fruit trees require two different varieties to pollinate properly. Be aware of this and ask a nursery professional to guide you in selecting the varieties.

Spray your fruit trees regularly, but avoid spraying them when their blossoms are wide open.

Plant vegetables in containers and grow them on your patio, deck or other spaces around your home.

Plant strawberries, raspberries and blackberries this month, too.

Fertilize fruits and vegetables with a good quality, slow-release vegetable food.

Stake tomatoes and use a pest control to prevent diseases.

Later in the month, you can control borers in vegetables like squash, cucumbers and melons.

Lawns

Prevent summer crabgrass by applying a second application.

Apply a fungicide to the lawn to control turf diseases. May is the month to apply a weed control to lawn, if necessary to kill actively growing weeds.

Apply a fertilizer with iron to keep the lawn green and now is time to fertilize zoysia lawns.

Houseplants

You can move houseplants outside to the deck or patio and enjoy them outdoors for the summer. It is best to gradually introduce them to more direct sunlight to prevent the leaves from being burned. Feed houseplants with a good quality indoor plant food. If needed, re-pot root bound houseplants to a larger pot. Visit us at the shop and view the large selection of pots we have available. Hibiscus, oleander, jasmine and mandevilla are just a few of the flowering plants you can add to your patio or deck.

Don't forget Dad this month on his special day! Choose from a large selection of gifts for his garden at the store.

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